



The Kentucky Guardsman

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74th annual NGAKy Conference set 11-12 February in Lexington

Registration Form on page 3

Set your calendars now to attend the 74th annual National Guard Association of Kentucky conference Friday and Saturday, 11-12 February at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort Hotel in Lexington!

The annual conference gives officers of the Kentucky Air and Army National Guard the opportunity to meet in fellowship, network with exhibitors interested in doing business with the National Guard and its soldiers and airmen, and discuss National Guard-related matters.

Conference highlights include an Exhibitor's Reception Friday evening from 1800-2000, followed by adjournment to the multiple command hospitality rooms. Saturday's agenda features the association business session from 0900-1230, including the Adjutant General's State of the Guard address and a featured senior military speaker, a spouse function (still to be determined), a President's Reception from 1800-1900 and a military banquet from 1900-2030,

with a follow-on entertainment function (to be determined) and hospitality rooms afterwards. The annual OCS Alumni Breakfast will be held Saturday morning at 0700.

The hospitality room theme this year will be "Hawaii" in recognition of the location of the 2005 National Guard Association of the United States Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii 17-19 September 2005.

Room reservations are available at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort Hotel for \$78 per night (\$90 for double/triple/quad beds) by calling 859-231-5100. Please try to make your reservations by 21 January.

State that you are with the "National Guard Association of Kentucky Conference." To register for the conference, please return the registration form on page 3 to the NGAKy office in Frankfort by 28 January. A \$10 late charge will be assessed for late reservations.

If you have a resolution you wish to submit for consideration at the conference, please forward it to the association no later than 30 January.



Valentine's Day in Lexington

Kentucky Guard mobilizations top 5,000

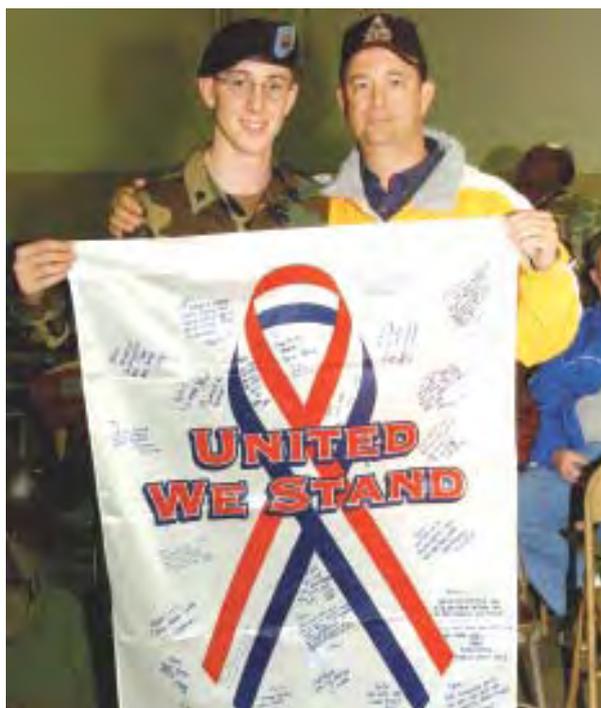
Kentucky Guardsmen remain in the forefront of national and international operations. Recently, 125 soldiers went to Wheeling, West Virginia to provide assistance to the flood stricken victims and another 20 soldiers supported the hurricane relief effort in Florida. As of October 1st, there were 830 Kentucky Army and Air National Guardsmen mobilized in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, or participating in

peacekeeping operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo. More than 5,000 Kentucky Guard troops have been mobilized since September 11, 2001, and another 1,156 Soldiers are preparing to mobilize and deploy in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in the coming months.



Don't forget to register for the 74th annual NGAKy Conference 11-12 February 2005 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort Hotel in Lexington! Please use the registration form on page 3.

Images from the year in the Guard - pages 7-10



Specialist Tyler Offutt and his father, Lt. Col. (Retired) Ron Offutt, display a banner during the 1103rd Military Police Detachment's mobilization for Operation Enduring/Iraqi Freedom.



Above: Members of the 1103rd Military Police (Law & Order) Detachment from Harrodsburg pose for a group photo at the Istar Gate to the city of Babylon in Iraq in November 2004. Below: Gov. Ernie Fletcher and Maj. Gen. Donald Storm greet troops of the 149th Armor Brigade preparing for a deployment to Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia.



President's Message

By Col. Michael Dornbush
President, National Guard Association of Kentucky



It is good to have this newsletter up and available again. A huge thanks to Lt. Col. Steve Bullard for making its printing again possible. It is so important for me to be able to communicate with each of you the status and concerns of your association.

As you may have discerned from previous correspondence during my tenure as president, the current members of the executive council, the full time staff and the many members of the association committees continue to work the issues of the association aggressively.

Membership Drive of Key Importance

The current issue being worked is our FY2005 membership drive. Bottom line, I need each of you to renew membership to the state and national associations. If you are a new officer to the National Guard of Kentucky, I encourage you to join the National Guard Association Kentucky (NGAKy) and the National Guard Association United States (NGAUS).

Council Reps

Each unit has a NGAKy Executive Council representative and I encourage you to find out who they are and contact them for more detailed information on the benefits of belonging to these professional organizations. Organizations that exist solely to benefit national guardsmen and women. Each representative can give you the specific benefits the associations have provided over the years to your unit. I would like to mention just a few that are generic in nature and benefit us all.

Pay a Direct Benefit

The pay you receive today, especially the weekend drill pay, is a direct result of the work NGAUS has done for you and continues to do today. Many attempts have been turned back over the years to reduce the drill pay to one days pay for one days work.

Missions Supported by NGAUS

Missions are another direct link to NGAUS. The weapons systems you train and fight with today most likely have direct linkage to former NGAUS resolutions, which were crafted into funding and authorization language that Congress supported. The result is first line equipment supported by first line training and providing the United States of America the best capabilities in the world from its reserve forces.

New Initiatives on the National Level

Many new initiatives are being worked by NGAUS currently as a result of the latest national conference the past September. More than 100 resolutions were staffed through committee at the national conference. Varied special interest, pay, benefits, equipment and a reduction in the retirement age are included in this years resolutions. These will be consolidated, combined and scripted for submission to Congress by the NGAUS staff in Washington, DC.

Your Support is Critical

Your membership and dues go directly to supporting the cost of operating both the national and state association offices that make these endeavors possible. So, as I said before, the bottom line is I need your membership. As a professional officer I urge you to join both the state and national association today. If you would like to talk to me about your membership, please call me at 502 364 9512, email me at michael.dornbush@kyloui.ang.af.mil or call the NGAKy staff at 1 800 251 2333.

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Candidate Announcements for 2005 NGAKY Election

**Anyone that wants to be considered
by the Nominations Committee
for elected positions must make their interest
known to the Association by mid-January
by calling 800-251-2333 or emailing
ngaky@bellsouth.net.**

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NGAKy CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM (11-12 Feb 2005)**

___ Army ___ Air Rank/Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ St ___ Zip _____
 SSN _____ Phone # (home) _____ (work) _____
 Unit _____ Spouse / Guest _____
 Names for name badges: (Yourself) _____ (Spouse / Guest) _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Do you plan to attend the Exhibitors Reception Friday evening? _____ # attending _____
 Do you plan to attend the Business Session Saturday morning? _____ Yes _____ No _____
 Does your spouse plan on attending the Business Session? _____ Yes _____ No _____

SAVE MONEY BY REGISTERING IN ADVANCE!!!!

Prices include: Entrance to Friday Night Exhibitor Reception, coffee/donuts during Business Session, Military Banquet and Entertainment (Prices are per person attending)

Registration fees *(A late registration fee of \$10.00 per person will be assessed after 28 January 2005)*

BUSINESS SESSION (\$10.00)	Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____
MILITARY BANQUET (\$24.00 per person)	Number Attending _____	Total \$ _____
		Grand Total \$ _____

Please make your Military Banquet meal choice(s) here:

- OPTION 1 -- Almond Crusted Chicken Breast w/Champagne Sauce, Wild Rice w/Nuts, Vegetables # _____
- OPTION 2 -- Kosher Salt & Cracked Pepper Rubbed Prime Rib, Yukon Gold Horseradish # _____
Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetables
- OPTION 3 -- Grilled Portabella Mushroom and Roasted Winter Vegetables, served on a Wild Mushroom # _____
Barley Risotto with a Shitake Mushroom Glaze

___ YES, my spouse/guest is interested in a Sunday Brunch/Activity (Price/details to be determined)
 If YES, please provide spouse/guest email or phone number here: _____
 ___ YES, I am interested in Child Care on Saturday (Price/details to be determined)

Please enclose check or complete credit card information below

Credit Card # _____ Exp. _____ Signature _____
 Circle One: VISA or MASTERCARD (A 3% fee is added to credit card payments to cover processing fees)

LODGING / THE MARRIOTT GRIFFIN GATE HOTEL Information
Lexington, Kentucky

Make your own lodging reservations by calling The Marriott at 859-231-5100.
 To receive discount rates, please state that you are attending the "National Guard Association of Kentucky '05 Conference."
 Please make your room reservations by 21 January 2005.
 Discount rates – Single \$78.00/night, \$90.00/night (double/triple/quad)

**Please return this Registration Form by mail or fax to:
 NGAKy, 1111 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601
 FAX – 502-564-7504**

For more information, call 502-564-7500 or 800-251-2333

Sign up for NGAUS email alerts!!!

The National Guard Association of the United States now has an active email news alert system and Congressional Action Team. If you are interested in receiving these updates, please visit the NGAUS website at www.ngaus.org and look under legislative affairs. If you have any problems logging in or don't know your NGAUS membership number, please contact NGAUS at 202-454-5301.

74th annual conference set for Lexington

Deadline for award nominations 17 January

The deadline for submitting award nominations to the National Guard Association of Kentucky is Monday, 17 January 2005. Each year, the association honors junior grade officers from the Air and Army who performed exceptionally outstanding service to their unit with the George Rogers Clark Outstanding Young Officer Award.

All Kentucky National Guard officers in the rank of O1 through O3 and Warrant Officers in the rank WO1 and CW2 are eligible providing the nominees have been in the KYNG for at least two years.

If you would like to nominate a junior officer in your unit for this award, please contact Maj. (ret) Bob Linkous at the association (800-251-2333 or 564-7500).

Other awards are also available, including the Community Service Award, open to any member of the Kentucky National Guard regardless of rank, and the General John Hunt Morgan Award for outstanding service to the association.

NOMINATION FORMAT -- 1) Award Requested; 2) Nominee's Name/Rank/Duty Title/Organization/Address/Phone Number; 3) Nominator's Name/Address/Phone Number; 4) Total Years Military Service and Total Years National Guard Service; 5) Narrative Justification for Award; 6) Supporting Documentation (if required); 7) Proposed Citation (optional)

Deadline for Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation scholarships 31 December

ELIGIBILITY . . .

Applicants must be dependent children of:

- Present members serving honorably in the Kentucky National Guard;
- Members who have retired from the Kentucky National Guard after 20 years or more of qualifying service; or
- Deceased parents/legal guardians who were members of the Kentucky National Guard at the time of death.



(In Memory of Colonel Joseph R. Craft)

AWARDS . . .

Scholarships are awarded to dependent children of enlisted members, commission and warrant officers, retired members and deceased members. When applications are not received in one or more of these categories, the scholarships may be awarded to other qualified applicants. Selected recipients will be announced in February of each year. Scholarships must be claimed by April 30th of the award year. Awards are based on academic grades, personal character, leadership qualities, and financial need. Selections are made without regard to applicant's race, sex, religion, or the selection committee's members' friendships and associations.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS . . .

Scholarship applications can be obtained by visiting the KNGHF website at <http://www.ngaky.org/ScholarshipApplication.pdf>, or by writing or calling the Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation at: Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation, 1111 Louisville Road, Frankfort KY 40601 /// Toll-Free 1-800-251-2333 (Kentucky) or 502-564-7500

Three documents must be attached to the application. These are:

- A copy of your high school transcript and any applicable college transcripts;
 - Three character reference letters from public, educational, and/or religious leaders who are not members of your family; and
 - A recent photograph for publication purposes. (Photo will not be returned.)
- The application and attachments must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2004.

SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION . . .

The KNGHF Scholarship Committee meets in January to select the applicants judged best qualified and most deserving. The amount of each scholarship depends upon the amount of money available and donations received for this special purpose. Last year the Foundation awarded four scholarships each in the amount of \$600.00. Selected applicants must provide an enrollment verification from the college or university before KNGHF will issue a check for tuition, books, fee, and supply costs.

If seriously interested in the military history of the Kentucky National Guard - You should have these books.



COL (ret) Armando "AL" Alfaro

A military encyclopedic of 120 counties from Adair to Woodford in ...

"The Paper Trail of the Kentucky National Guard"

The book spans 211 years of Kentucky military history from 1 June 1792 to 21 May 2003

The book is 8"x10", hardbound cover and has 551 pages.

\$39.95 + \$2.40 KyST + \$5 = \$47.35

A Limited Edition (100 numbered copies) of the

"Military History of Kentucky (1938)"
Is available until sold out.

This 500 page, 5-1/4x8-1/4, hard cover book, with many pictures of early day Kentucky military leaders, covers the military history of Kentucky from Fincastle County, VA in 1773 until the 1937 flood that ravaged Kentucky.

\$39.95 + \$2.40 KyST + \$5 = \$47.35

And if that is not enough ... order

"Paper Trail of the Civil War In Kentucky 1861-1865"

Cost \$10 + .60 KyST = \$10.60

A 72-page 8-1/2x11 soft covered book. Shows day-to-day unit locations; lists all participating Kentucky Union, Confederate and US Colored Troops. Plus a synopsis of national and local events taking place between 1861-1865.

Checks payable to – Col (ret) Al Alfaro, mail to:
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NO CREDIT CARDS

National Guard news, highlights and legislative updates

Election analysis

The results of the recent election will likely not have a serious impact on the defense authorizing or appropriating committees. None of the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee have left the Senate, and only two members of the Senate Appropriations Committee won't be returning. Both Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Sen. Fritz Hollings did not seek re-election.

On the House side, five members of the Armed Services Committee will not be returning. They are Ed Schrock (VA), Jim Turner (TX), Ciro Rodriguez (TX), Baron Hill (IN) and Charles Stenholm (TX). On the House Appropriations Committee, George Nethercutt (WA) and David Vitter (LA) are not returning.

The rosters of all the committees will undergo some change as committee assignments are made for incoming Senators and representatives.

The demographics of the 109th Congress do not significantly differ from the 108th, other than the addition of five women in the House of Representatives and Senator-elect Barak Obama as the only African American member of the Senate. Only 31% of senators and 25% of representatives in the new Congress have military service in their resumes.

Senate Leadership

Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada has been named the Minority Leader of the 109th Congress, succeeding Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota. Sen. Richard J. Durbin, D-Ill., will likely succeed Sen. Reid as the Minority Whip. He had been competing for the position with Sen. Bryan Dorgan of North Dakota. However, Sen. Dorgan has announced that he will remain in his current position as chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee. Formal elections for the leadership positions will take place when the Senate reconvenes.

Resolutions Passed at Annual Conference

Delegates considered 148 resolutions and passed 104 - including a joint resolution to make Tricare coverage for Guard and Reserve members and their families permanent - at the NGAUS General Conference.

One resolution would allow active-duty Title 32 Guardsmen to receive retired medical benefits equal to those of Title 10 active duty soldiers and airmen.

Delegates also passed a resolution urging the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and House Veterans Affairs Committee (HVAC) to work together to benefit veterans. NGAUS has received numerous thank you messages from Congress for passing this resolution.

Even with Congress in session, seven House and Senate staff members participated in the process. The complete list of resolutions is available at www.ngaus.org.

Retiree/Veterans Focus

The NGAUS legislative staff discussed with the HVAC the easing of bureaucratic hurdles facing veterans when they're released from the Defense Department and come under the VA's purview.

Suggested remedies included the issuance of electronic DD Form 214s, electronic transfer of medical records between the Defense Department and VA and increased accessibility to a veteran's service history and environmental exposure between the two agencies.



Given the growing number of veterans in the association, NGAUS will continue to stay engaged in this issue and let our members know of any progress.

Appropriations Update

The national debt ceiling is a major concern for Congress. Some experts expect Republican leaders to add language to the omnibus spending bill to allow an increase in the national debt. Adding this language could diminish support for the bill, especially among fiscal conservatives who want to hold the FY 2005 Appropriations at \$821.9 billion. Treasury Department officials have told Congress that they must pass approval of an increase in the \$7.4 trillion debt limit to avoid disrupting the government's ability to borrow.

When Congress returns from Recess, one of the biggest issues it faces is continued funding for the war in Iraq as well as passing the nine remaining appropriations bills. According to Congressional Quarterly, the current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan cost approximately \$5 billion dollars a month. Consequently, the President is expected to send a substantial supplemental spending bill to the Congress for consideration.

The House has passed each of the 13 appropriations bills except for the VA-HUD spending measure (HR 5041). The Senate, meanwhile, has passed only six of its bills. Only four spending bills - the defense (PL 108-287), District of Columbia (HR 4850), Homeland Security (HR 4567 - H Rept 108-774) and military construction (HR 4837 - H Rept 108-773) measures - have been enacted so far.

Survivor Benefit Plan Update

The FY 2005 National Defense Authorization Act

See **NATIONAL GUARD NEWS**, page 14 ...

National Guard Association of Kentucky (NGAKy) Membership Report

One of our highest priorities this year is to increase our membership. As you can see from the membership numbers from last year we have a lot to do.

	<u>NGAKy</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>
Final 2002-2003	78 %	67 %
Final 2003-2004	53 %	42 %

Our membership goals for 2004 - 2005: NGAKy = 90% and NGAUS = 80%. COL Dornbush and CW5 Stoops met with members of the Membership Committee in October to work on this issue along with the staff and Executive Council members. It is essential that Executive Council members take an active role in contacting members in November and December who delay paying their dues. The only way we will increase our membership is for commanders and Executive Council members to reach out to their officers and educate them on what the association is doing for them and their families.

Dues Collection for Membership Year 2004 - 2005 by Commands (April 2004 through March 2005). Membership numbers by command are reported by each executive council member during our meetings. We were encouraged by the heavy reply to dues notices sent out in July, however those numbers have slowed down over the past month. Some commanders and executive council members are doing a great job getting the word out, but we still have a long way to go.

Membership By Major Command As of 15 October 2004

<u>Executive Council Mem</u>	<u>Command</u>	<u>NGAKY</u>	<u>NGAUS</u>
MAJ Brian Wertzler	138th FA Bde	42%	28%
MAJ Robert Chapman	149th AR Bde	37%	28%
CPT Joseph Clements	123rd Support Grp, ANG	55%	55%
CPT John Cline	2/123d AR Bn	22%	22%
CPT Jackie D. Anderson	1/623d FA Bn	20%	20%
CPT Donald Corder	238th Reg (CA)	55%	34%
CPT Shawn Dawley	123rd Opns Grp, ANG	39%	39%
MAJ Michael Ferguson	75th Troop Command	68%	47%
1LT John Frank	206th EN Bn	27%	31%
1LT James Hatfield	206th Chem Bn	36%	36%
CPT Bryan Howay	1/149th IN Bn	37%	26%
CPT Joseph Hudson	103rd Chem Bn	25%	16%
1LT Sean Keller	123 AW, KYANG	51%	51%
CPT James Culver	2/138th FA Bn	27%	13%
MAJ Natalie Lonkard	KY Medical Cmd	47%	38%
1LT Taylor Lyle	198th MP Bn	24%	24%
MAJ Jerry Morrison	201st EN Bn	44%	22%
CW5 J. Mike Osborne	63d Avn Grp	57%	41%
LTC Ron Turner	2/75th Recruiting Bn	75%	50%
MAJ Brent Wilkins	1/75th Troop Cmd	37%	21%
CPT Jack McNear	JFHQ	52%	35%

Membership in professional organizations that support the National Guard

Memorandum for Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Kentucky National Guard
7 July 2004

By Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm
The Adjutant General of Kentucky

As I write this letter I want each of you to know that during the past three years Kentucky has continued to have a higher percentage of our National Guard soldiers and airmen mobilized than any other state. The magnificent response of the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) demonstrated once again why this country needs to maintain a strong National Guard. However, because there is always an intense competition for defense resources, history teaches that the Guard may be neglected without an effective voice at the national level. It takes an ongoing effort to educate decision-makers and legislators about the role of the Guard and to insure that our personnel and equipment requirements are fully understood when the defense budget is enacted. Therefore, I encourage each of you to consider joining and supporting organizations that advance the goals and purposes of the National Guard.

The National Guard Association of Kentucky (NGAKy), the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kentucky (EANGKy), and the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) are three examples of private organizations that work specifically to maintain a strong National Guard. The efforts of organizations like these and others have contributed greatly to the ability of Kentucky National Guard units to meet their mission requirements and have also assisted greatly in improving the quality of life of the soldiers and airmen who make up those units. Most critically, they have also helped to preserve the Guard's capabilities during periods of military downsizing.

While I personally believe that active participation in these types of organizations is an effective way to help in maintaining a strong National Guard, membership in professional organizations is a personal decision and no member of this organization will in any way receive different treatment because of his or her decision regarding membership. I therefore encourage each of you to learn more about these organizations and to seriously consider participating.



Blum: Guard transformation would survive cutbacks

by Joe Pappalardo
National Guard Bureau

The National Guard is adopting historic new roles in national defense and plans on making the changes permanent, according to the Guard's chief.

Lt. Gen. H Steven Blum said the organization already was established as an essential and indispensable part of the national security apparatus, adding that he is not concerned that the window of opportunity to radically change the National Guard would close if defense spending shrinks.

"If funding were to dry up, I wouldn't be concerned because the Guard's approach makes more sense. We have the capacity to defend the country at a fraction of the cost, when needed," Blum said in an interview with National Defense. "We are the best defense bargain ... In a time of reduced resources, we become more of a solution."

Blum added that he was not worried about talk of expanding the number of active service troops, a move that could potentially take some of the emphasis off the National Guard and Reserves.

"The total force concept makes the two parallel," Blum said. "[Active and Guard capabilities] are mutually supporting; each makes the other stronger. I think we can do both without risking the success of the active forces for the National Guard, or the Guard's success for the active."

One way Blum is solidifying the Guard's expanded role is forming specially trained units, like civil support teams, weapons of mass destruction response teams and anti-ballistic missile crews.

The National Guard also has played leading roles in running national security events, interagency efforts that include party conventions, presidential funerals and meetings of world leaders. At the G8 summit, a National Guard commander had a lead role in the entire operation, which included Navy warships, SEAL teams and local police. It was, he said in a speech to the National Guard Association of the

United States, a proud milestone.

The growing demands on and of the Guard and reserve have also manifested themselves in increasing funds for equipment. The Defense Appropriations Act included \$63 million for UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters, \$42.5 million for heavy trucks, \$11.4 million for the Guard and reserve's firefighting equipment. The Air National Guard scored \$21 million for F-16 engine upgrades, \$5.6 million for on-board oxygen generating systems and \$8.4 million for airborne friend-or-foe identifying equipment.

Blum believes the Guard will achieve parity with the active force, "because they need us." Capitol Hill appears to be listening. The amount of money added for National Guard equipment upgrades exceeds \$557 million.

Despite concern for recruitment, retention and



preparedness for combat deployment, Blum said the advances of the past year are historic and permanent. "Other people have talked about transformation; we have done it," he said.

Kentucky National Guard meets 2004 recruiting goal

Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm, the Adjutant General for Kentucky, announced October 1 that the Kentucky National Guard has exceeded its recruiting goals for fiscal year 2004.

As of 12:01 a.m., the Kentucky National Guard's total end strength was 7,587, surpassing the National Guard Bureau's recruiting objective for Kentucky of 7,575. Today's figures represent a net gain over last year of more than 350 Soldiers in the Kentucky Army National Guard and more than 29 Airmen in the Kentucky Air National Guard during the Federal fiscal year 2004.

"From the day I was appointed as the Adjutant General of the Kentucky National Guard, personnel strength has been our number one priority," said Gen. Storm. "The Kentucky Guard needs quality Soldiers

and Airmen, and it has been my mission to ensure we get them. Today's accomplishment is a huge step in that direction, and we are well on our way to accomplishing our goal of having 7,000 Army National Guard and 1,225 Air National Guard members by 2007."

Gen. Storm went on to emphasize the need for Soldiers and Airmen in the Kentucky National Guard. "This is a crucial time in our history. We have a great diversity of challenges facing us. The Kentucky Guard today plays an integral part in our nation's defense against the threat of terrorism as well as helping our citizens in the face of natural disaster within the Commonwealth. If someone wants to be part of the solution to the problems in today's world, the Kentucky Guard is the place to be."

Images from the year in the Kentucky Guard



Three cadets from the University of Kentucky ROTC program are commissioned into the Kentucky Army Guard in May - from left, 2LT Jessicah Garrett (138th Field Artillery); 2LT Mark Hotchkiss (940th MP Company); and 2LT Nathan Lee (201st Engineer Battalion).



Forty-eight members of the Kentucky Air Guard's 123rd Civil Engineer Squadron prepare to deploy to Baghdad International Airport last November.



Maj. Haldane Lamberton (right) receives the flag of command for 1st Battalion, 149th Infantry (Mechanized), from Maj. Gen. Donald Storm at Barbourville in August.



Capt. Michael Rice of the 1163rd Medical Company escorts young Afghan women to the unit's Combat Support Hospital Clinic in Afghanistan.



Lt. Col. R.P. Watson and Lt. Col. John Pope monitor work during media day at the new Joint Operations Center in Frankfort, an integral new resource in responding to acts of terror and natural disaster in the Commonwealth.



Kentucky Army Guardsmen clean up after heavy flooding in Wheeling, West Virginia.



SMS Jon Rosa, a combat controller with the Kentucky Air Guard's 123rd Airlift Wing, speaks on a satellite phone to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan during a field mission. SMS Rosa was named one of the Air Force's Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2004.



Maj. John Dooley of the 1/623rd Field Artillery helps members of a soccer team he coaches call an indirect fire mission during a May live fire exercise at Fort Knox.



Pallbearers carry a fallen hero, 1LT Robert Henderson, who was killed in Iraq April 17 when the military truck convoy he was traveling in was attacked near the southern Iraqi city Diwaniyah. LT Henderson, a platoon leader with the 2123rd Transportation Co., was buried in Bowling Green.



Col. Mark Kraus (second from right), commander of the 123rd Airlift Wing, accepts the Air Force Association's Air National Guard Outstanding Airmanship Award on behalf of the 123rd Airlift Wing September in Washington, D.C. The wing was named the outstanding flying wing in the ANG. Presenting the award is AFA Chairman John Politi. Others, from right to left, include Col. Mike Harden, Lt. Col. Paul Rhodes and HQ ANG Brig. Gen. Charles Ickes II.

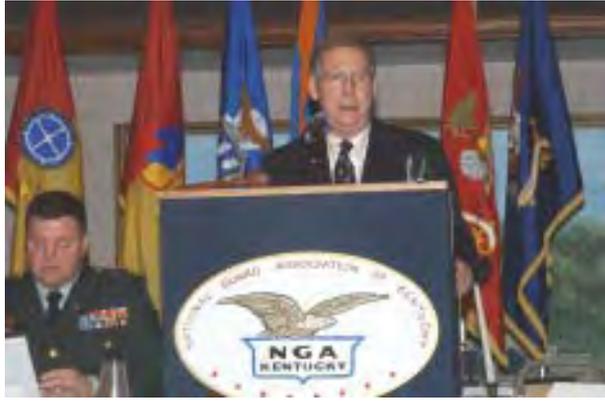


Paul Ethan hugs his father, Sgt. Paul Edward Varney, prior to the departure of Co. C, 206th Engineers, for a peace-keeping mission in Kosovo.



Members of the 201st Engineer Battalion Maintenance Group supported Task Force Grizzly along the U.S./Mexican border.

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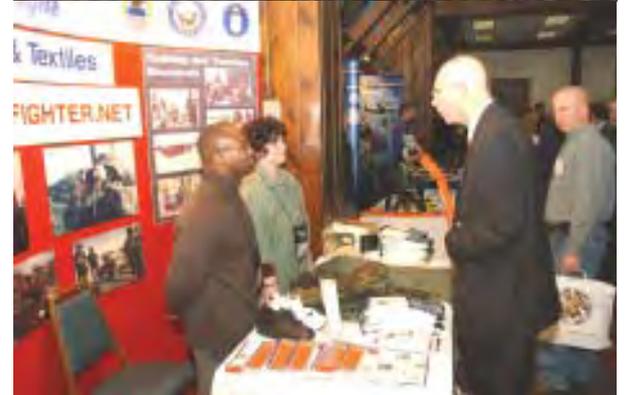
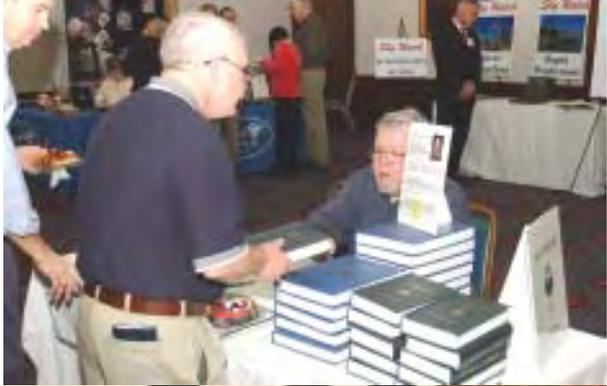
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Images from the year in the Kentucky Guard



Maj. Todd Thursby (right) receives the flag of command for 2nd Battalion, 138th Field Artillery, from Col. Lonnie Culver at Fort Knox in August.



The founding officer of the Kentucky Air National Guard and distinguished World War II hero Maj. Gen. Phil Arderly visits the Kentucky Air National Guard display at the Kentucky Military History Museum in Frankfort.



Capt. Brandon Yarbrough presents a U.S. flag print to family readiness group leader Tammy Buechele in thanks for her support of the 198th Military Police Battalion during its deployments.



Maj. Mike Farley takes command of 2nd Battalion, 123rd Armor from Lt. Col. Scott Campbell during ceremonies at Fort Knox.



Major Wayne Turner briefs plan for Al Kut Police Academy Expansion in Iraq during the 1103rd Military Police (Law & Order) Det. deployment.



Maj. William Walker of the 198th MP Battalion pins his wife, Stacey, during the unit's Freedom Salute ceremony in August.



Lt. Col. Emmanuel Belt takes command of 1st Battalion, 623rd Field Artillery, receiving the flag from Col. Lonnie Culver.



The "Freedom Ride" in October, culminating at the 623rd Field Artillery in Monticello, nets \$5,000 for Family Readiness Groups.



Lt. Col. Hunter Mathews (left) passes the colors to Command Sergeant Major George Thompson after assuming command of 238th Regiment Combat Arms.



LTC Bob Hayter takes command of the 103rd Chemical Battalion July 11 in Owensboro.



Command Sergeant Major Greg Armstrong oversees construction on the Afghan National Army's Warehouse Depot Office Building in Kabul, Afghanistan in April.



Kentucky Air Guardsmen took top honors in the 4th Annual Adjutant General's Easter Seals Softball Tournament in September, beating out six Army Guard squads from across Kentucky.

'Freedom Is not Free' theme of 2005 Essay Contest

Deadline 15 April 2005

THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD HISTORICAL FOUNDATION, INC.

**Announces the 2005 Essay Contest
"Freedom Isn't Free"**

\$600 CASH AWARDED ANNUALLY

First Place - \$300

Second Place - \$200

Third Place - \$100

Closing Date: April 15, 2005

PURPOSE – The purpose of the Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation (KNGHF) Essay Contest is to encourage today's young people to develop awareness of the origin and the responsibilities of freedom and provide the participants with the opportunity to improve their skills in writing, composition, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

GENERAL RULES – The KNGHF Essay Contest is divided into two levels: High School and State. Each contestant is to prepare one original essay. Limited guidance from teachers, parents, or interested parties is permitted. No more than three essays may be submitted from each high school.

Any quotations or copyright materials used in the essay must be properly identified. The KNGHF will not assume the responsibility for the usage of such materials. Failure to identify non-original material will result in disqualification.

The KNGHF has the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate any essay entered into the contest without payment to the author. The essay must be written in English.

QUALIFICATIONS – All Kentucky high school 11th and 12th graders are eligible to participate. Participants must enter the contest through their high schools.

CONTEST RULES – The official subject shall be "Freedom Is Not Free." Failure to write on the official subject will result in disqualification. The official title "Freedom Is Not Free" shall be at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

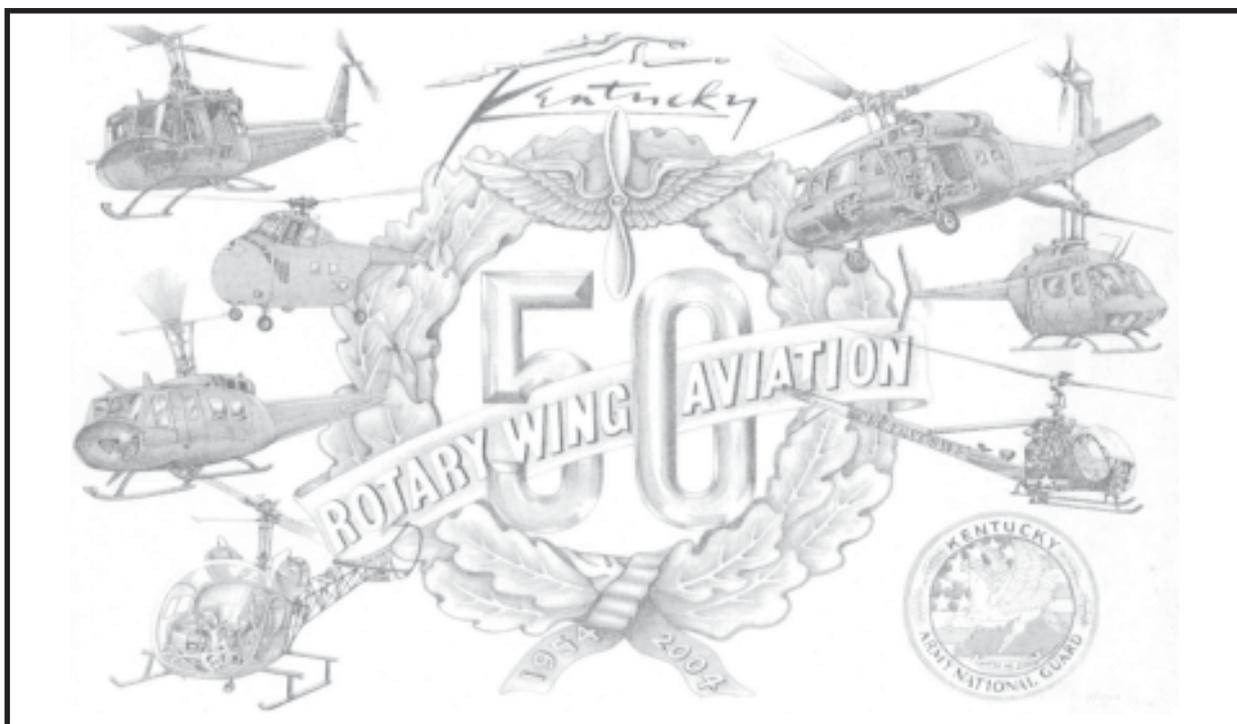
One Entry Cover Data Sheet (reverse side) must accompany the essay. Failure to indicate total number of words on the Entry Cover Data Sheet will result in a 5-point deduction. The essay must be typewritten and double-spaced (Five points will be deducted for failure to double space.).

The essay shall contain no more than 500 words but no less than 400 words. In determining the number of words, every word must be counted regardless of length. In footnotes containing quotations, the quoted material must be counted as part of the text. (One point for each 5 words over or under the specified number will be deducted for failure to stay within the prescribed number of words.)

Every page of the entry must be numbered consecutively starting with the first page of the manuscript. The number shall be entered at the bottom of each page. The entire entry, including the Entry Cover Data Sheet, shall be stapled (not paper-clipped) together in the upper left-hand corner.

JUDGING – The essay will be forwarded to KNGHF for judging at the State level by 15 April 2005. Judging will be conducted by a panel of three qualified judges who will individually rank the entries. Their combined rating will determine the winners.

To conceal the identity of the contestant, every entry will be assigned a number by the KNGHF Essay Contest Coordinator. The number will be placed on the Entry Cover Data Sheet page and on the first page of the manuscript. The Entry Cover Data Sheet, bearing the contestant's name and data, will be detached and retained by the KNGHF Essay Contest Coordinator. The judges will be given the manuscript bearing only the assigned number.



Kentucky Army National Guard Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Rotary Wing Flight

The Kentucky Army National Guard celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Rotary Wing Flight on Wednesday, November 17 at the Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) on Boone National Guard Center.

The Kentucky Army National Guard received its first helicopter, a "G" model Bell OH-13 Sioux, Light Observation Helicopter, on 23 November 1954 at Bowman field in Louisville. The Kentucky Army National Guard already had a Light Aviation Section in place when they received the helicopter with several small fixed wing airplanes in service such as L-19 (or

0-1A) Bird Dog and De Havilland Canada L-20 Beaver. These aircraft including the helicopters were used for a variety of missions including aerial observation and direction of artillery fire.

Over the years the Kentucky Army National Guard has been equipped with Hiller OH-23 Raven, Light Observation Helicopters; Bell OH-58 Kiowa, Light Observation Helicopter; and the Bell UH-1 Iroquois, "Huey", Utility Helicopter. The Kentucky Army Guard currently flies the Sikorsky UH-60 Blackhawk, Utility Helicopter.

Association building available for meeting rentals

The Conference Room and the Library/Small Meeting Room in our Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation Building on U.S. 60 in Frankfort are available for half (\$100) and full (\$200) day rentals for meetings and training events. For more information, contact the NGAky/KNGHF office at 502-564-7500 or 800-251-2333 or ngaky@bellsouth.net



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APPOINTMENTS

CPT PEPPER, JASON G - HHC 35TH ID, 18-AUG-04
2LT ANDERS TIMOTHY T - HHC 1ST BN 149TH IN, 16-APR-04
2LT BARR GARY L - HHD 103D SMEN, 14-NOV-03
2LT CROUCH VIRGINIA E - HHC REAR 201ST EN BN, 16-MAR-04
2LT FIELDS SABRENA Y - KYARNG MED CMD, 04-FEB-04
2LT HOULNE JEAN L - HHB 2D BN 138TH FA, 11-DEC-03
2LT LAINHART JEREMY C - 2113TH TRANS CO, 04-FEB-04
2LT NUNN, MATTHEW B - CO B 1ST BN 149TH IN, 08-SEP-04
2LT SCHAFFER, MARTIN L - 2113TH TRANS CO, 21-AUG-04
2LT SMITH, STEPHEN F - 41ST CST, 01-SEP-04
2LT VINLUAN, RAYMOND V - CO A 2D BN 123D AR, 09-AUG-04
CW2 MATTINGLY JOSEPH E - DET 11 OSAC, 02-MAR-04
W01 BRANDENBURG HAROLD D JR - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 26-MAR-04
W01 HENRY DAVID N - HHD 206TH CM BN, 07-MAY-04
W01 RUSSELL CHAD W - CO E 135TH AV 35TH ID, 06-MAY-04

PROMOTIONS

BRIG GEN YAPLE, ROBERT J - HQ KYANG,
01-NOV-03* (PENDING FEDERAL RECOGNITION)
COL CARTER ANTHONY C - HHB 138TH FA BDE, 20-FEB-04
COL HOOVER TAYLOR H - KY ARNG MED CMD, 13-MAY-04
COL KRAUS, MARK R - 123 OG, 01-FEB-03
COL SUTTON MICHAEL A - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 13-APR-04
LTC BELT EMMANUEL - HHSB 1ST BN 623D FA, 24-FEB-04
LTC BRADFORD, CHRISTOPHER J - 165 AS, 30-NOV-03
LTC CONTI JOHN R JR - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 14-JUN-04
LTC HOUSE, LOUIS T - 123 MED, 01-FEB-03
LTC HOUSUM, TIMUR J - 165 AS, 01-FEB-03
LTC HURST, JR, WARREN H - 165 AS, 01-NOV-03
LTC KING PAMELA - KY ARNG MED CMD, 13-MAY-04
LTC KRISTOFY, ANDREA - 123 MED, 15-JUN-04
LTC MAY, STEVEN T - 165 AS, 13-FEB-04
LTC MCCALLIE, MARY A - 123 CF, 17-NOV-03
LTC SCHERZER, GEORGE E - 165 AS, 01-MAR-03
LTC SHELTON, RICHARD P - 165 AS, 06-MAR-04
LTC SUDY, DONALD J - 165 AS, 04-OCT-04
LTC WAGGENER, JAMES W - 165 AS, 07-JUN-03
MAJ BARTON ROBERT D - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 30-MAR-04
MAJ CHO, YONG K - HHD 206TH CM BN, 05-OCT-04
MAJ DEMOSS DALE A - CO F 135TH AV 35TH ID, 12-MAY-04
MAJ FANTER TIMOTHY A - HHB 138TH FA BDE, 08-APR-04
MAJ HANS, CHARLES A - 165 AS, 09-AUG-03
MAJ LESLIE, RICHARD L - 165 AS, 19-SEP-04
MAJ MCCALLIE, JOHN K - 123 CE, 13-SEP-03
MAJ MOORE, MATTHEW D - HHB 138TH FA BDE, 05-OCT-04
MAJ NEWELL, CATHERINE A - 165 AS, 12-JUL-03
MAJ PALMER RICHARD E - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 30-APR-04
MAJ PETERSON MARION JR - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 09-JUN-04
CPT BALLARD RONALD O - HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID, 14-JUN-04
CPT BISHOP AMY A - HQ 1ST BN 75TH TRP CMD, 10-MAR-04
CPT BISHOP, JAMES C. - 123 MXS, 06-DEC-03
CPT BOYD, RODNEY O - 123 SER, 01-FEB-03
CPT BURDETT, WILLIAM W - HHC 201ST EN BN, 28-SEP-04
CPT HOLMES JOHN H JR. - HHSB 1ST BN 623D FA, 08-APR-04
CPT JOHNSON, KATRINA K - 123 LG, 11-JAN-03
CPT KNUTESON, KRISTIN R - 123 MSF, 07-JUN-03
CPT LYLE TAYLOR C - 940TH MP CO CBT SPT, 09-JUN-04
CPT MOLTZAN, MICHELLE D - 165 AS, 12-JUL-03
CPT NAYLOR MATTHEW E - HHB 2D BN 138TH FA, 10-MAR-04

CPT RILEY ELDERN III - CO B 1ST BN 149TH IN, 24-FEB-04
CPT SCHLOESSER KRISTAL M - 2123D TRANS CO, 16-JUN-04
CPT SCHMIDT, JASON M - 165 AS, 06-MAR-04
CPT THORNBERRY, KEVIN E - 123 APS, 13-SEP-03
CPT VINCENT, JEFFREY L - 123 APS, 06-MAR-04
CPT WRIGHT, CHARMAINE E - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 28-SEP-04
ILT CAMPBELL, STEVEN L - 165 AS, 22-JUN-03
ILT DECKER, MARY S - 123 AS, 20-APR-03
ILT DINGESS, CLYDE A - CO B 1ST BN 149TH IN, 03-OCT-04
ILT GOLDSMITH, JAMIE L - 165 AS, 16-NOV-03
ILT HENDERSON JOHN M - HHC 35TH BDE FWD 2, 04-MAY-04
ILT HOOD, JOSEPH R - 165 AS, 21-SEP-03
ILT HUGHES, PAUL B - CO B 2D BN 123D AR, 23-SEP-04
ILT JOHNSON, JASON R - 165 AS, 21-SEP-03
ILT KELLER, SHAWN P - HQ KYANG, 22-JUN-03
ILT MCLANE, SEAN - 123 STS, 15-JUN-04
ILT MULDER FRANK J JR - 298TH CM CO, 11-FEB-04
ILT QUILL, BERNARD - 123 MXG, 15-JUN-04
ILT ROBINSON, ROBERT - 165 AS, 22-FEB-04
ILT SALISBURY JUSTIN J - HHSB 1ST BN 623D FA, 03-NOV-03
ILT TROWELL, LATONIA R - 123 AS, 20-APR-03
CW4 CARROLL GERALD A - DET 11 OSAC, 18-APR-04
CW3 GOODE LARRY B - 207TH MAINT CO, 29-MAR-04
CW3 GRIFFIN RICHARD D - RAID KY ARNG, 14-JAN-04
CW3 MCMAKIN GEORGE E III - CO E 135TH AV, 22-MAR-04
CW3 SLATTERY DANNY W - RAID KY ARNG, 12-MAY-04
CW3 SLOAN BILL R - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 16-JUN-04
CW3 WRIGHT ROBERT T - RAID KY ARNG, 14-JAN-04
CW2 KALDY THOMAS W - HQ STARC KY ARNG, 17-DEC-03
CW2 THOMAS, MARK D - CO E 135TH AV, 20-SEP-04
CW2 VICK CONNIE J - HQ STARC KY ARNG, 02-DEC-03

RETIREMENTS

BRIG GEN ASH, RICAHRD W - HQ KYANG, 01-DEC-03
BRIG GEN TONINI, EDWARD W - HQ KYANG, 30-NOV-03
COL DAVIS JAMES M - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ TO USAR, 30-JUN-04
COL LILE JAMES R - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ TO USAR, 30-JUN-04
COL ROGERS LEO F - HHC 63 AV GP, 31-JAN-04
LTC ALLISON, STEPHEN J - HQ KYANG, 02-NOV-03
LTC ELLIS III, KENNETT R - 123 AW, 05-OCT-03
LTC FOSTER, DEBORAH J - 123 MSF, 06-MAR-03
LTC HAMILTON, GREG D - 123 OSF, 12-MAY-04
LTC MAZUREK HAROLD E - KY ARNG MED CMD, 29-FEB-04
LTC RAINES, WILLAIMA - 165 AS, 10-AUG-03
LTC RHODES, PAUL J - 123 AW, 22-SEP-04
LTC ROGERS, WILLIAM K - 165 AS, 29-DEC-03
LTC SIMPKINS, JAMES F - 165 AS, 13-APR-03
LTC SPAULDING LOGAN T - HQ STARC KY ARNG, 01-MAR-04
LTC STEVENSON, DONNIE P - 123 OSF, 30-JAN-03
LTC WHEELER, JOHN D - 165 AS, 02-APR-03
MAJ BEECHAM, MARSHAA - 123 AW, 29-MAY-04
MAJ BOLTON, LARRY W - 165 AS, 05-OCT-03
MAJ JOHNSON, WESLEY W - KY ARNG MED CMD, 30-SEP-04
MAJ MAYFIELD, CHARLES W - 123 SPTG, 06-APR-03
MAJ SOLDNER, JOHN F - 165 AS, 16-MAY-04
MAJ SUTHERLAND, MARK A - 165 AS, 27-FEB-04
MAJ YATES GREGORY G - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ TO USAR, 30-JUN-04
CPT HUNTER KATHLEEN R - 141ST PSD REAR, 31-MAR-04

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CPT SUTTER JAMES R - HHC 1ST BN 149TH IN, 31-MAR-04
CW5 POE ROBERT A - HHC 63D AV GP, 31-MAR-04
CW4 BEGHTOL ALAN L - DET 3 CO H 171ST AV, 31-MAR-04
CW4 HARROD HAROLD S - HQ STARC KY ARNG, 31-JAN-04
CW4 WISEMAN CLYDE JR - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ TO USAR, 16-APR-04
CW3 SALYERS, KERRY D - TO USAR, 30-SEP-04
CW2 HUGHES DANIEL R - FROM HHSB 1ST BN 623D FA TO USAR, 14-APR-04

BRANCH CHANGE

MAJ BARRETT TIMOTHY S - FROM FA TO KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ - CM, 03-MAR
MAJ CONTI JOHN R JR - FROM TC TO OD, NO DATE POSTED
MAJ EDWARDS JOHN H JR - FROM EN TO HHD 103D CM BN - CM, 18-DEC-03
MAJ FOWLER SCOTT K - FROM CM TO HHD 103D CM BN - AR, 08-JAN-04
MAJ PEVELER WILLIAM D - FROM AR TO HHD 206TH CM BN - CM, 17-SEP-03
MAJ PEVELER WILLIAM D - FROM CM TO KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ - AR, 12-MAY-04
CPT HAAS BRYANT L - FROM IN TO DET 1 SPT CO D2 BN - MI, 22-AUG-03
CPT LINDNER TODD M - FROM OD TO 617 MP CO - MP, 29-JUL-03
CPT PALMGREN PAUL L - FROM AR TO HQ STARC KY ARNG - OD, 31-OCT-03
CPT VETRANO STEVEN A - FROM QM TO 298TH CM CO - CM, 16-AUG-03
1LT LYLE TAYLOR C - FROM AR TO MP, 16-MAY-04
2LT LAWSON MICHAEL W - FROM MP TO MI, 23-SEP-03
2LT MEECE JAMES M JR - FROM IN TO CO D 1ST BN 149TH IN - SC, 03-DEC-03

CHANGE OF STATE

CPT GINGRICH CHRISTINA A - FROM AL TO HQ 238TH REGT KY, 12-FEB-04
1LT KOCH STEPHANIE - FROM NM TO KY, 19-MAR-04
1LT KUNTZ TRAVIS A - FROM KY CO C 1ST BN 303D AR TO WA, 15-DEC-03
CW2 MCCOY, MARK A - FROM IA TO KY, 22-JUL-04

TRANSFERS

MAJ ARNOLD, JASON W. - 165 AS TO USAFR, 26-MAR-04
MAJ BOHN RALPH R - 1163D MED CO REAR TO USAR, 11-MAR-04
MAJ BROEKING, TIMOTHY D. - 165 AS TO USAFR, 14-MAY-04
MAJ DEBOSKEY, JOSEPH A. - 165 AS TO PRANG, 13-MAR-03
MAJ PETERSON JEFFREY A - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ TO USAR, 12-APR-04
CPT GEE SHAWN P - HHD 103D CM BN TO USAR, NO DATE POSTED
CPT TYLER CONNIE A - KY ARNG MED CMD TO USAR, 06-SEP-03
CPT WINSLOW ANDREW G - HHC 2D BN 123D AR BN TO USAR, 12-JAN-04
1LT MOSES DAVID A - FROM USAR KY ARNG MED CMD, 15-JAN-04
1LT SPENCER JASON G - FROM CO A 1ST BN 149TH IN TO USAR, 18-MAY-04
2LT CARLSON, BRIAN E - CO A 2D BN 123D AR USAR, 30-SEP-04
2LT DURHAM, TERRY D - USAR CO C 201ST EN BN, 25-AUG-04
1LT SCHROEDER, MICHAEL J - DET 1 207TH MAINT CO, 30-SEP-04
CW3 MCKINLEY PETER D - CO E 135TH AV, 13-JAN-04

2LT GARRETT JESSICA H A - FROM USAR TO HHB 138TH FA BDE, 27-MAY-04
2LT GRIMM AARON L - FROM USAR HHB 2D BN 138TH FA, 20-DEC-03
2LT HUMPHREY LATORSA C - FROM USAR 940TH MP CO, 07-JAN-04
2LT MATTINGLY WILLIAM B - FROM USAR HHC 1ST BN 149TH IN, 19-DEC-03
2LT OAKLEY, MELINDA L - 207TH MAINT CO TO USAR, 07-JUL-04
2LT PAYNE DAVID A - HHD 103D CM BN TO USAR, 27-FEB-03
2LT RICE WILLIAM T - FROM USAR HHC 2D BN 123D AR, 08-JUL-03
2LT SMITH JONATHAN R - FROM USAR HHD 198TH MP BN (O/S), 19-DEC-03
2LT WAYNE MICHAEL A - FROM USAR CO B 2D BN 123D AR, 23-DEC-03
2LT WILSON, MICHAEL J - CO C 2D BN 123D AR TO USAR, 30-SEP-04
CW4 FALIN, WILLIAM T. JR. - TO USAR, 01-OCT-04

SEPARATIONS

LTC HOUSE, LOUIS T. - 123 MED, 30-OCT-03
MAJ ARAKELIAN, MICHAEL H. - 165 WF, 29-SEP-04
MAJ BARTELT CRAIG A - HHC 63D AV GP, 01-MAR-04
MAJ JONES, KRISTIE L - 123 LS, 21-MAR-03
MAJ MELLMAN, NATHAN R. - 123 AW, 05-MAR-04
MAJ SAVCHICK, THOMAS - 165 AS, 14-AUG-04
MAJ WELCH, TIMOTHY M. - 165 AS, 21-MAR-03
CPT CLEGG JOHN J - HQ STARC KY ARNG, 01-FEB-04
CPT HOFFMAN CLAUDE E - HHB 2D BN 138TH FA, 09-MAY-04
CPT SPANGBERG JOHN M - HHC 149TH BDE 35TH ID, 29-JAN-04
CPT YOUNG STEPHEN A - KY ARNG ELEMENT JF HQ, 01-MAY-04
1LT KAAK, DAVID O - HHB 2D BN 138TH FA, 30-SEP-04

Brig. Gen. Morrow selected as assistant to NORAD/CC

Brig. Gen. Henry C. Morrow, former assistant adjutant general for Air for the Kentucky National Guard, has been selected as the Mobilization Assistant to the Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, located at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, Kentucky Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Donald C. Storm announced Sept. 28.



Morrow

Gen. Morrow will be the senior National Guard officer at NORAD and will advise the commander and his staff on the wartime and peacetime operational capabilities of the National Guard.

“Gen. Morrow is a fine officer and well deserving of this position,” Gen. Storm said. “His contributions have helped transform the Kentucky National Guard into a viable force in the face of the War on Terror and no doubt will represent the National Guard well in this new position.”

Gen. Morrow will remain affiliated with the Kentucky National Guard, but will be assigned to NORAD. Brig. Gen. Select Robert Yapple will assume Gen. Morrow’s former duties while a nationwide search is conducted for a permanent replacement.

The general received his Air Force commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Clemson University in South Carolina in 1977. He continued his education in Europe at Embry Riddle University, completing a master’s degree in Aeronautical Science in 1984. A distinguished graduate from Undergraduate Pilot Training, he served in the Air Force as an F-111 and an F-16 instructor pilot.

His flying assignments include two tours in Europe - one in the F-111F and one in the F-16. He completed Fighter Weapons School in 1985 and was assigned to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, as a squadron and wing weapons officer. After joining the Texas Air National Guard, he rose to positions including commander of the 182nd Fighter Squadron and the 149th Fighter Wing Operations Group. He served as director of operations for Headquarters, Texas Air National Guard; vice wing commander for the 147th Fighter Wing in Houston; and wing commander for the 149th Fighter Wing in San Antonio.

Gen. Morrow joined the Kentucky Air National Guard in March 2002 as chief of staff, Headquarters, KyANG. He is a combat veteran and command pilot with over 3,000 hours in trainer and fighter aircraft.

In Memoriam

SGT DARRIN POTTER

223rd Military Police Company, Louisville -- KIA 29 September 2003

Sgt. Potter was killed near Baghdad while responding to hostile fire at the Abu Gharib Prison complex, drowning when his vehicle overturned in a canal. He was the Kentucky Army National Guard’s first combat fatality since the Vietnam War.

SGT GLENN STANFILL

Co. B, 206th Engineer Battalion -- Died 12 March 2004

Sgt. Stanfill died when the humvee he was driving on the Hal Rogers Parkway was struck by a coal truck traveling in the opposite direction.

1LT ROBERT HENDERSON

Det. 1, 2123rd Transportation Company, Owensboro -- KIA 17 April 2004

Lt. Henderson was the first Kentucky Army National Guard officer killed in combat since the Korean War, and the second Kentucky Army Guardsman killed in Iraq since the start of the Iraq war. Donations in his honor may be sent to the “Peyton Henderson Baby Fund” in care of Integra Bank, 1018 Chestnut Street, Bowling Green, KY 42102-0966.

Tricare benefits improved significantly for Reservists

The National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2005, signed by the President yesterday, improves significantly the overall health benefits available to guardsmen, reservists and their families and makes permanent several of the Tricare benefits authorized "temporarily" under defense legislation last year while extending secretarial authorization for others.

"Our reservists and guardsmen who are called to duty and their families deserve these great new benefits for their service to their country," said Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "We welcome these new Tricare provisions as a means to improve active and reserve component force readiness and to enhance family member access to care."

For reserve component members with delayed effective date orders to serve on active duty in support of a contingency operation for more than 30 days, the new legislation permanently authorizes Tricare eligibility for up to 90 days prior to member's activation date for eligible members and their families. It also makes permanent a 180-day transitional Tricare health benefit after deactivation for Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP) eligible members and their families. Members must also now receive a comprehensive physical examination prior to separating from active duty service.

The legislation also authorizes waiver of the

Tricare standard and extra deductibles of reserve component family members for members ordered to active duty for more than 30 days and authorizes Tricare to pay nonparticipating providers up to 115 percent of the Tricare maximum allowable charge, which enhances continuity of care for these family members with their civilian providers. In order to ensure seamless implementation of these provisions, Tricare has extended the Tricare Reserve Family Demonstration Project through Oct. 31, 2005. The demonstration, which began on Sept. 14, 2001, was due to end Nov. 1, 2004.

Members of the reserve component called after Sept. 11, 2001, to serve for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, who served or will continuously serve for 90 or more days, are now given the opportunity to purchase Tricare standard healthcare coverage for themselves and their family members after they demobilize. The member must sign an agreement to continue serving for a period of one year or more in the selected reserve after their active duty ends. For every 90 days of consecutive active duty service, the member and family member may purchase one year of Tricare standard coverage for the same period they commit to serve in the selected reserves. Members will be able to purchase the new Tricare standard coverage on a self-only or self and family basis. The Tricare standard coverage

under this program will begin once the member's eligibility for 180 days of transitional Tricare coverage under the TAMP program ends. Members who served on active duty in support of a contingency operation for 90 days or more on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and were released from active duty before Oct. 28, 2004, or within 180 days of that date, may enter into an agreement to serve continuously in the selected reserve for a period of one or more years and begin participation in this program at that time. These members must enter into this agreement to serve in the selected reserve within one year of Oct. 28, 2004.

Congress requires implementation of the new Tricare standard enrollment program by April 26, 2005. Winkenwerder stated, "We have already begun working on these provisions and will implement them on time."

Additional information on the new permanent Tricare provisions to include start dates, benefits and requirements under each of the new permanent provisions will be posted on the Tricare web site at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/> and the reserve affairs Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra> as soon as each is ready to begin.

National Guard news

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'Weekend Warriors' no more

Courtesy American Forces Press Service

The term "weekend warriors" no longer applies to today's National Guardsmen and reservists, the Defense Department's top reserve affairs official said.

In many cases, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Thomas Hall said in an interview Nov. 4, today's reservists and guardsmen are nearly full-time participants in the war on terror.

Deployment rates for current operations are changing the way the reserve components go about advertising and recruiting. It's all about managing expectations, Hall said.

"You really don't want to set an expectation and then not meet it," he said. "You want to tell people up front that this is what it's all about."

Recruiters today need to create a different expectation among prospective guardsmen and reservists, their families and employers. "That expectation is you're not going to be a weekend warrior," Hall said. "We're going to have to use you in a more robust way in the future."

He explained that officials are now working to determine what exactly "more robust" means. "Will we need you once in every five years? Once in every six years? Will we need you for a year at a time? How will that affect your lifestyle? How will that affect your decision to come into the Guard and Reserve?" Hall asked. "Does your particular type of job allow you that flexibility? And what will be your employer's reaction to that?"

Recruiters are also selling service in the National Guard and Reserve to families much more than in the past. "One of the things (recruiters) will tell you is they're recruiting the mothers and fathers and grandfathers and family. You used to recruit the individual. But now, you need to convince the mother or father or the grandfather or the grandmother that their son or grandson or granddaughter ought to serve. So you

need to talk to the whole family," Hall said. "So the advertising of the Guard and Reserve and the way in which we produce these different advertisements and talk to people is different than it used to be."

Another key to keeping recruiting and retention numbers up is to keep benefits at an attractive level. The 2005 National Defense Authorization Act, signed by President Bush Oct. 28, contains a slew of new and increased medical and education benefits for reserve component servicemembers, as well as increases in certain bonuses and allowances.

"The (Defense) Department is committed ... to continuing to work on benefits and making it very attractive to serve. So I think people will continue. We need to watch it, and we'll continue to watch our recruiting and retention to make sure it's OK."

So far it has been OK for manning the Guard and Reserve. With one exception, the reserve components met their recruiting and retention goals for fiscal 2004. The Army National Guard finished the year 2 percent below its end-strength target of 350,000 soldiers. The Army Guard came in with 342,000 soldiers at the end of fiscal 2004.

And, Hall said, he prefers to look at that figure as 98 percent successful rather than 2 percent failure.

Benefits and recruiting efforts aside, Hall said he believes what keeps the U.S. military's reserve components stocked with willing and able troops is the dedication, resolve and patriotism of Americans.

"This country is at war. Every citizen is at war. We had international terrorists come and murder our citizens and families and children in this country," he said. "We're all committed, so I think this nation has always responded collectively to the call to colors."

He said record turnout at Nov. 2's national elections is a great example that Americans want to be involved in their country. "Basically, down deep, I find people are patriotic," Hall said. "I think we'll continue to get the people that we need."

eliminates the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) "Widow's Tax." This was one of NGAUS' legislative priorities and we are pleased the Congress saw fit to correct this inequity.

Under SBP, a retiree pays a premium so that the surviving spouse can collect 55% of the retiree's pension after the retiree dies. The 55% amount was reduced to 35% when the surviving spouse turned 62 and collected Social Security.

Under the new law, the Social Security offset is phased out starting in 2005. Here is the phase-out schedule:

- * From September 2005 through March 2006 the spouse will receive 40 percent
- * From April 2006 through March 2007 the spouse will receive 45 percent
- * From April 2007 through March 2008 the spouse will receive 50 percent
- * From April 2008 on the spouse will receive 55 percent of the retiree's pension

Many retirees opted not to buy into the SBP because of the Social Security offset. Therefore, Congress has authorized an "open season" for retirees who may now want to buy into SBP. The open enrollment period begins October 1, 2005 and lasts for one year only. Premiums will be based on a formula that includes the total amount of premiums that would have been paid had the retiree initially enrolled, plus interest, plus any other reasonable additional fees deemed necessary by the Secretary of Defense.

Since this is a major change to the SBP, each individual is likely to have questions about his or her specific circumstance. According to the SBP expert at HQ Army, DoD has not yet issued any guidance on implementation of the changes and officials anticipate it will be Spring before details are sent out. Members are encouraged to periodically check the Army's webpage at www.armygl.army.mil and click on retirement services. Because this is a DoD program, information will be consistent across the services.

2004 Photo Contest

Kentucky Citizen Soldiers in Action

The Kentucky National Guard Historical Foundation (KNGHF) sponsors a photographic competition for active, retired, and former members of the Kentucky National Guard, to include their family members. The competition's purpose is to show the military side of how Kentucky Guardsmen live, train, and perform in an armory and field environment during annual training and periods of state or federal active duty.

Photographs will be judged on pictorial composition, originality, subject interest, and visual appeal consistent with the theme of "Kentucky Citizen Soldiers in Action."

Photographs need not have been taken during the last year. All photographs are eligible as long as the photograph is of a Kentucky National Guard Unit or individual. Only the person that took the photograph may submit the photograph to this contest. Photographs that have previously been submitted to this contest are ineligible. No entry fee is required. Up to three entries may be submitted per person.

On the back of each photograph submitted, tape a sheet of paper indicating your name, address, phone number, name(s) of person(s) and/or unit(s) in the picture, and when and where photograph was taken. *Please do not write on the back of the picture(s).* Photographs will be retained by the KNGHF and may be displayed in the Foundation's building and/or in other Foundation or National Guard Association of Kentucky publications (including our website) without any payment to the photographer. Proper credit will be given if your photograph is used in one of our publications.

Color or black and white pictures only (no slides or negatives). Smallest size picture allowed is 3" x 5" (drug store variety). There is no maximum size restriction.

Cash prize of \$100 for "Best of Show" and \$50 each for "Best Color" and "Best Black & White" picture.

Submit your photographs to: KNGHF Photo Contest, 1111 Louisville Road, Frankfort KY 40601

All photographs received will be displayed at the National Guard Association of Kentucky's Annual Conference at the Marriott Griffin Gate Hotel in Lexington, Kentucky from 11-12 February 2005.

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Kentucky's military legacy...

JAMES TANDY ELLIS

Soldier, Poet, Humorist, Columnist and Raconteur Twenty-Sixth Adjutant General of Kentucky 1914-1919



Poet, humorist, columnist, raconteur and soldier, James Tandy Ellis was born June 9, 1868 in the city of Ghent, Carroll County, Kentucky. James was the second son of Dr. Peter Clarkson and Drusilla (Tandy) Ellis. In his early years he attended school at the old Ghent College. He attended the Agricultural and Mechanical College, now the University of Kentucky, in Lexington, where he received his initial military training. Ellis continued his education at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in Ohio.



On June 30, 1898 he married Harriet Bainbridge Richardson of Lexington. To this union two children were born; James Tandy Ellis Jr., who died in infancy, and Drusilla, who died at age five.

While living in Owensboro, Kentucky, and serving as vice-president of the local water company, Ellis joined the local Guard unit, Company C, 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Kentucky State Guard. On November 27, 1900, he was elected its Captain. On July 7, 1902, Ellis was elected Major of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Infantry, Kentucky State Guard.

Ellis resigned from the Kentucky State Guard on June 30, 1904, taking up newspaper work in Washington D.C., going there as secretary to Kentucky Congressman A.O. Stanley. It is not clear when he returned to Kentucky and the Guard; however, on January 9, 1912, he was appointed Assistant Adjutant General, with the rank of Colonel, by Governor James B. McCreary. He held the position until his appointment as Adjutant General on September 2, 1914. Ellis served in the position of Adjutant General during the war years of the First World War, under Kentucky Governors McCreary, A.O. Stanley and James A. Black. He was noted for his use of future Adjutant General and Lieutenant Governor Maj. Henry Herman Denhardt (1932-35) in stumping, with band and marching soldiers, for recruits to fight in the "Great War."

Ellis was a popular lecturer, in demand across the country with his inexhaustible supply of humorous stories, often interspersed by his singing folk songs, accompanying himself on the banjo. He was a prolific writer, authoring nearly a dozen books of short sketches and poetry. He was a columnist for the *Louisville Times*, under the heading "Tang of the South" and "Savor of the Soil." An avid reader, his home contained one of the largest private libraries in the state, including a rare collection of *Kentuckiana*. Ellis was a collector of antique dulcimers, harps and accordions.



Ellis died following a long illness at the age of 74, on December 9, 1942 at his home in Ghent. He is buried in the Ghent Cemetery.



'Remember the River Raisin!'

By Ken Riley, National Guard Bureau Historical Artwork
Moraviantown, Upper Canada—October 5, 1813

Following Commodore Perry's success at Lake Erie, a U.S. force commanded by Gen. William Henry Harrison engaged British troops 75 miles east of Detroit. His command included a regiment of Kentucky Mounted Riflemen led by Col. Richard M. Johnson, made up of picked militia volunteers armed with long Kentucky rifles and tomahawks. The Kentucky troops scattered the enemy army—British regulars, and Indians under the famed Tecumseh. The Battle of the Thames was revenge for an earlier massacre of Kentucky militia on the River Raisin. Coupled with Perry's triumph, it ended a series of defeats and helped restore U.S. dominance in the northwest region.

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The Kentucky Military History Museum emphasizes the service of the Kentucky Militia, State Guard, and other volunteer military organizations, from the Revolution through the Gulf War. Displays include an impressive collection of firearms, edged weapons, artillery, uniforms, flags,



photographs, personal items, and other equipment that illustrates the Commonwealth's martial heritage. The KMHM is operated by the Kentucky National Guard and the Kentucky Historical Society.

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Since its beginning in 1931, the National Guard Association of Kentucky has marched with the Kentucky National Guard to attain the objective and goals of military preparedness that we presently maintain. The Association was formed to promote and support adequate National Security. It looks after the common welfare of the members of the National Guard Association of Kentucky and the Kentucky National Guard. The Association also regularly works to improve public relations with the general public for the Kentucky Army and Air National Guard. The Association is governed by an Executive Council consisting of the President, President-Elect, Vice President-Air of Air National Guard and Vice President of Army National Guard, 20 directors, the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer. All officers, except the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer, are elected annually. Directors serve for three years and represent every command in the state. The Association sponsors a high coverage, low cost group term life insurance program providing protection for Kentucky Guard members and their families. The Association has traditionally boasted virtually 100 percent of all officers as members of the Association. Most former officers of the Kentucky National Guard maintain their relationship by becoming a life member. The enlisted guard members are associate members through their participation in the insurance program. For more information, call 800-251-2333. In Frankfort, call 502-564-7500. Or write:

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